

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A dust separating apparatus for a suction cleaner, comprising a cyclonic separating device having a body with an inlet and an outlet for a stream of air, and an outlet for dust separated from the airstream air stream to enter a receptacle for the separated dust, wherein said body comprises a part movable in relation to the rest of the body while the rest of the body remains in position in the cleaner, to provide access to the interior thereof;

wherein the cyclonic separating device comprises first and second cyclonic separating devices each comprising a body with an inlet and an outlet for the stream of air and an outlet for separated dust, the air outlet of the first separating device being connected to the air inlet of the second separating device; and

the first and second devices lie within a casing of the cleaner spaced from one another with the receptacle for separated dust removeably disposed with at least part thereof generally between them, the receptacle having respective inlets for dust communicating with the dust outlets of the first and second separating devices.

2. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein the moveable part of the body is completely removable therefrom.

3. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to Claim 2 wherein the separating device comprises the inlet and outlet for the stream of air at one end of the body and the outlet for dust at the other end of the body, the removable part having the outlet for dust therein.

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 3 wherein said separating device comprises a tangential air inlet and a central air outlet at ~~or towards~~

the one end of the body, and the dust outlet extending tangentially at ~~or towards~~ the other end of the body.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1 wherein at least the first separating device has a moveable body part.

7. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 2 wherein the removable body part of the separating device engages with the rest of the body thereof by a bayonet fitting.

8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein sealing means is provided between the body parts of ~~the or each separating device~~ each of the first and second separating devices, for preventing air leakage at the connection therebetween.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A suction cleaner~~ Apparatus according to Claim 10 wherein said removable body parts of the each of the first and second separating devices are accessible for removal after removal of said receptacle from the cleaner.

12. (Cancelled)

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13. (Cancelled)